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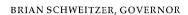
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#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION



OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION DIVISION



Somont Oil Company Attn: Joe Alborano 419 Ferdig Road Oilmont, MT 59466

4-12-12

RE:

Beaupre 2

101-24198

S8 35N 2W, SWSWNW 2387'FNL & 239'FWL

Beaupre 2X

not yet assigned

S8 35N 2W, SWSWNW

Dear Mr. Alborano:

The Beaupre 2 well site was moved west of where it was permitted to be without prior notice to the BOGC and drilled at a location that does not conform to K-S Field well spacing setbacks, therefore it appears to be too close to the west side of the SWNW, 40 acre line. It's exact location remains to be determined by survey. I believe it was drilled to +-825 feet at which depth drilling operations were suspended.

The Beaupre 2X well was spud 4-6-12 at a location I believe to be a legal location. I was informed of the spud on 4-10-12 at which time I inspected the well and subsequently found out that it was drilled without having a valid permit to drill for oil from the BOGC. It was drilled to below 725ft per your field personnel at the time of my inspection and operations were then suspended by you on 4-11-12 until you get your permit to drill from the Board.

These matters will be brought to the attention of the Board of Oil & Gas Conservation at their next scheduled business meeting in Butte, MT on 4-25-12 at 2:00pm in Room 128 of the Natural Resource Building on the Montana Tech campus.

Sincerely,

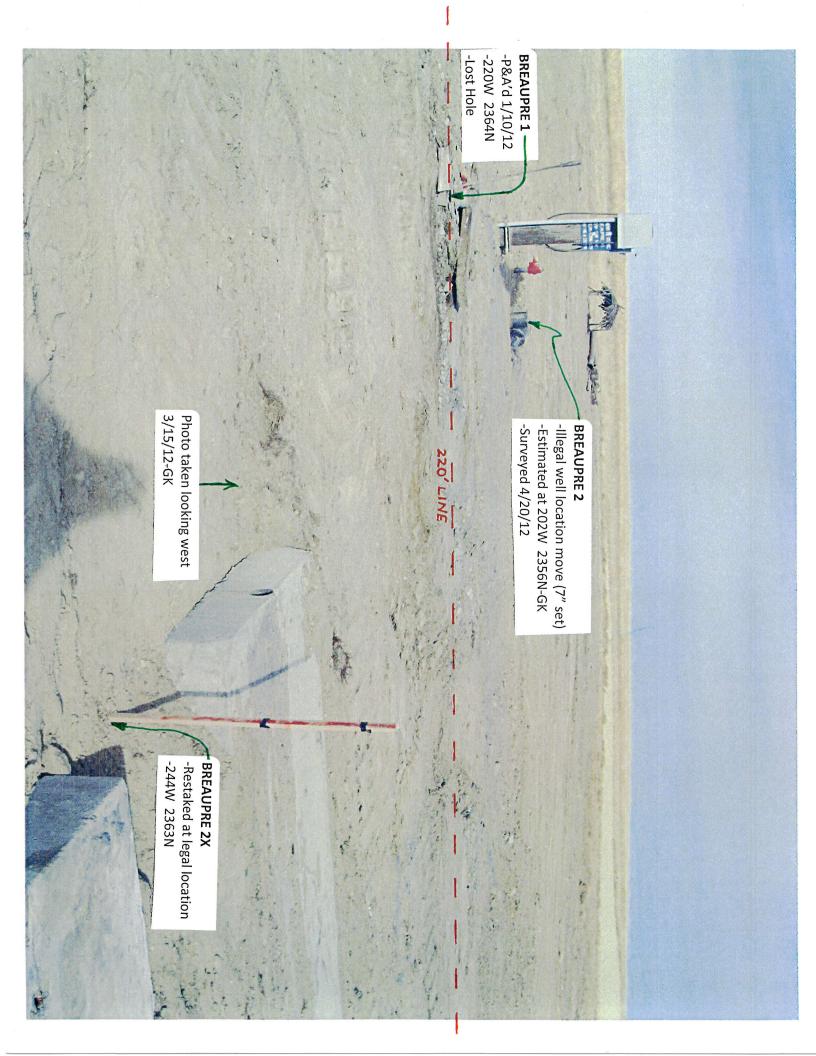
Gary Klotz - Field Supervisor Northern District BOGC, Shelby Field Office

cc: Steve Sasaki – Chief Field Inspector; BOGC Billings, MT Somont Oil Co. 16126 Chasemore Dr. Spring, TX 77379

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#### **SOMONT OIL COMPANY**

#### Breaupre Lease S8 35N 2W, SWNW

#### Breaupre #1 220W 2364N

• Lost Hole – P&A'd 1-10-12. Additional top plugging required to complete P&A.

#### **Breaupre #2**

- Original replacement well, permitted 8-17-11 @ 239W 2387N.
- Spud 9-27-11, set 7" Sfc csg & drilled to 825ft. BOGC not notified of Sfc cementing
- 11-9-11 Rig broke down and was moved off for repairs per Somont conversations
- Well appeared to be moved west to an illegal location w/o Administrative approval per inspection of BH 11-28-11. Violation of Rule 36.22.602(2).
- 12-2-11 GK verified well was at illegal location. Notified Somont about it and asked Joe Alborano to inform BOGC about what happened. Requested they not resume drilling without BOGC approval. New well site needs resurveyed with sundry filed for location move.
- 3-21-12 Joe Alborano acknowledged well site was moved to an illegal location and said that Somont will plug it.
- 4-20-12 Well site was resurveyed per Joe Alborano. Survey Plat not yet submitted

#### **Breaupre #2X**

- 3-15-12 Inspection found that a legal drill location was staked and drilling pits were dug. No rig yet on site. No drill permit issued yet.
- 4-10-12 GK spoke with Glen Thompson of Somont in the field and asked him what their drilling rig was doing. Glen said they spud the new Breaupre well 4-6-12 and had already set Sfc pipe. GK inspected rig3 and found they had air drilled to 725ft
- 4-11-12 SS verified no drill permit had been issued. Notified Joe Alborano of spud without drill permit and Joe shut down the drilling operations until they get a permit. Violation of Rule 36.22.601(1).
- 4-17-12 BOGC issued the drilling permit at legal location. Drilling resumed 4-20-12

#### Klotz, Gary

From:

Somont Oil [somontoil@gmail.com]

Sent:

Monday, April 16, 2012 4:01 PM

To:

Sasaki, Steve; Klotz, Gary; bhalberson@mt.gov

Subject:

Beaupre Saga

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#### Steve, Gary, and Bill:

This is in response to Gary Klotz's attached letter of 12 April on the Beaupre matter. I do understand that this will be brought to the attention of the MBOG at their next scheduled business meeting on Wednesday afternoon, 25 April, down in Butte and I want to take the opportunity to outline the sequence of events as we now know them, for better or worse, since it really gets confusing.......it took me the better part of the last couple of days to figure things out to the extent that I now have. Joe Alborano will attend the meeting to answer any questions that the Board might have and fall on his sword as you deem appropriate.

- In October of 2011 we started what we believed to be the Beaupre 2 well per Gary Klotz's letter. Our rig is a rubber tired converted I-R Rig originally used for drilling water wells and so we can simply drive onto the location and rig up with virtually no site preparation work required. I have not been to the location but now understand that what happened is that when the crew saw the stake it was on some poor terrain and so they basically turned the rig around and drilled from the other end which put the spudded well about 30' from the surveyed location. Joe Alborano, our vice-president of operations, did not know this had happened and I did not know this had happened but it did happen and was Somont's mistake as we are well aware that wells are to be drilled where the survey stake is located. What made this situation worse was that the altered location placed the well location too close to the quarter-quarter line which made it an illegal location.
- After drilling to about 825' the rig got pulled off because a well bore plugged in the 1920's start leaking at our waterflood (FSFU) and so we went to the FSFU and started trying to reenter the well so that it could either be completed as a producer or injector or plugged. Shortly after starting that, a second old plugged well at the FSFU started leaking and about the same time the top head drive on our rig failed and we learned that the top head drive we had was for shallow water wells and was never intended for drilling deeper holes. So we ordered the proper top head drive, got it, installed it, and then finally fought our way down on the two leaking FSFU area wells one of which was apparently plugged using at least two telephone poles worth of wood. At some point in time while we were struggling with the leaking FSFU wells Bill Halverson visited the Beaupre location and checked it with his GPS and noted it was not only inconsistent with the survey plat but was also an illegal location in that it was too close to the quarter-quarter section line. Bill called this to the attention of our rig superintendent, Glenn Thompson. Glenn does not recall if he passed this message on to Joe but in any case, either Joe did not get the message or, if he did, it did not register.
- A couple of weeks ago we finally got the two leaking FSFU wells safely captured and were able to cement casing in both of them.

his GPS, and when comparing it to the re-staked location by John Cicon, it is clear that the second location is in fact a legal location **even though it is not located where the original well was permitted**. Therefore, it is our intention is to have the second location surveyed in and make that the Beaupre 2X well. This means that the re-staked location of the original well will not be drilled.

So that's what happened. We are virtually certain that we will never make this particular series of mistakes again but, unfortunately, we will undoubtedly make different mistakes in the future. But none of them have been or will be with any malice or forethought or for the purpose of getting any sort of commercial benefit since it is a primary objective of our company to fully comply with all regulatory body rules – including the MBOG – since that makes our life much easier as well.

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